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1. O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO UNSIGNED ECONOMIC COLUMN COMMENTS ON KISSINGER'S TRIP AND LATAM'S DEFICIT IN TRADE RELATIONS WITH US: " ... OBVIOUSLY A TOPIC ON KISSINGER'S AGENDA, ... IT IS DESIRABLE THAT AMERICAN AUTHORITIES ADOPT ... A MORE POSITIVE ATITUDE REGARDING UNBALANCED TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND LATAM. ... IN RELATION TO BRAZIL, A CONSTRUCTIVE WAY OUT DEPENDS ON MEASURES WHICH FIRST MUST BE TAKEN BY US: AN ACTIVE ROLE IN REDUCING BILATERAL INBALANCES WOULD BE ONLY REASONABLE IN LIGHT OF POLICY DEFENDED BY US AT IMF IN 1972. SUCH POLICY WAS BASED IN IDEA THAT ... RESPONSIBILITIES FOR RESTORING BALANCE WOULD BE BORN BY BOTH PARTIES. ... USG CERTAINLY CANNOT ORDER US MARKET TO IMPORT
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MORE FROM BRAZIL. BUT IT AT LEAST CAN SUPPORT AND PROMOTE A

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SUBSTANTIAL NEUTRALIZATION OF TARIFF BARRIERS AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS TO ENTRY OF BRAZILIAN PRODUCTS. THIS WOULD BE A GOOD INITIAL STEP FOR A COMMERCIAL DETENTE." (FEB. 17).

2. JORNAL DA TARDE (SAO PAULO) CARRIES REPORT ON KISSINGER'S ARRIVAL IN CARACAS BASED ON AFP AND LATIN NEWS REPORTS. INSIDE PAGE COVERAGE WITH FIVE-COLUMNS HEADLINE "KISSINGER: PROTESTS IN FIRST DAY OF HIS TRIP," REPORTS NEGATIVE REACTIONS IN PERU, COLUMBIA, AND MEXICO, FONMIN SILVEIRA'S STATEMENT, AND REPRINT OF NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE BY JONATHAN KANDELL. PAPER'S EDITORIAL HEADLINED "ECONOMIC ISSUES IN KISSINGER'S AGENDA" SAYS: "HENRY KISSINGER IS NOT DIRECTLY LINKED WITH ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT IN THE US ... HIS FIELD OF WORK AND EXPERTISE IS AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND DIPLOMACY. HOWEVER, THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT ECONOMIC ISSUES WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN HIS AGENDA WITH GOB AUTHORITIES. FIRST, BECAUSE ECONOMICS, IN MANY ASPECTS, IS NOTHING BUT POLITICS THROUGH OTHER MEANS; AND ALSO BECAUSE ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN BRAZIL AND US HAVE BEEN TROUBLESOME AND SOMEWHAT STIRRED UP LATELY. ..." (FEB. 17).
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